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Congress Debates Need For Zionist Charter

Nahum Goldmann Elected To Preside Over Congress

Jerusalem Post Reporter

As expected, Dr. Nahum Goldmann, Chairman of the American Section of the Jewish Agency, in succession to Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver (who resigned from the Agency in the middle of his term), was yesterday elected President of the Zionist Congress.

This is a high office, which has been held in turn by Herzl, Nordau, Wolffsohn, Ussishkin, Weizmann and Motzkin. It is an *ad hoc* appointment, and is for the duration of the Congress only. Dr. Goldmann is probably the youngest man, barring Herzl himself, to attain to this dignity.

The President of the Congress is assisted by a number of Vice-Presidents. Together, they form the Praesidium, a term not widely used in the Anglo-Saxon assemblies, but in general use at international gatherings.

The Praesidium regulates Congress procedure, watches over the agenda and acts as time-keeper. Members take turns in presiding over the sessions, normally not more than one each. Vice-Presidents are sent by the different delegations, and the number of each is fixed by party strength. Thus Mapai, at the present Congress, has five Vice-Presidents in the *Nesiut* (Praesidium); General Zionists, four; Mapam, two; Mizrahi, Hapoel Hamizrahi and Herut, one each—a total of 15 counting the President.

Women on Praesidium

There are two Vice "Presidentesses" (as the Shorter Oxford would have it)—Mrs. Judith Epstein, of New York, and Mrs. Golda Myerson, Minister of Labour.

Mrs. Epstein, a former President of Hadassah, is at present head of the Women's Division of the Independence Bond drive in the United States. She presided over yesterday's afternoon session, and gave considerable latitude to Mr. Yitzhak Gruenbaum, who as a member of the Executive was not bound by the tight time schedule which spokesmen for the parties must follow, if each is to have its share of the 438 minutes allotted the General Debate. The time table for this particular debate is determined by the total number of delegates, which at this Congress is 438.

Each party is allowed as many minutes as there are delegates in its delegation, and can distribute the time among its spokesmen at its discretion.

Other Mapai Vice-Presidents are Mr. Yosef Sprinzak, Knesset Speaker, who is Chairman of the outgoing Zionist General Council; Mr. Yitzhak Harkavi (Argentina); Mr. Marc Yarblum (France); and Mr. Louis Segal (U.S.A.).

In addition to Mrs. Epstein, the General Zionist Bloc is represented on the Praesidium by the Rev. J.K. Goldbloom, Zionist veteran of Great Britain; Mr. Benjamin Browdy, President of the Z.O.A., and Mr. Matthew Goldstein (Argentina).

Mr. Meir Ya'ari, Hashomer Hatzair leader, and Mr. Ya'akov Zerubavel, Left Poalei Zion leader, are the two Mapam Vice-Presidents.

Rabbi Mordecai Nurock, M.K., represented the Mizrahi and Rabbi Elimelech Neufeld, Hapoel Hamizrahi — both conspicuous figures of previous Congresses.

"Herut" is represented by Mr. Joseph Klarman.

Partisan Support Defended

POST Parliamentary Correspondent

Zionists from 38 countries who have seen one plank of the original Basle Programme of 1897 fulfilled with the proclamation of the State began their discussions yesterday of one of the key issues before the 23rd Congress: "Where do we go from here?"

Most of the speakers yesterday took issue with Prime Minister Ben Gurion who had said last week that the Zionist Organization would not merit a special status unless it pledged unconditional support for the Government of Israel. Mr. Ben Gurion's plan to transfer control of the Movement abroad from political parties to non-partisan regional organizations also came under fire.

Speakers representing the General Zionists, Mizrahi and Mapam fought the proposal to liquidate the Zionist parties in the Diaspora. They all upheld the right of the Zionist Organizations to express opinions about life in Israel.

Natural Alignment

"It is as natural for Zionists outside Israel to align themselves with those in Israel who share their points of view as it is for the United States to support foreign democracies or for British Socialists to support French Socialists," declared Rabbi Israel Goldstein. The speaker, who is Chairman of the World Confederation of General Zionists, also said that the proposal to abolish parties outside Israel was unrealistic. He said, however, that he favoured integrating the parties in some sort of overall organization.

The opposing view was expressed later by another delegate of the World Confederation, Mrs. Judith Epstein of Hadassah. She thought that affiliation to the Zionist Organization through a specific party defeated the purpose. Mrs. Epstein further said that obviously the Zionist Movement would influence life in Israel but this could be done indirectly.

Autonomy, wide powers and manifold functions for the Zionist Organization were advocated by Mr. Benjamin G. Browdy, President of the Z.O.A. and member of the Congress Praesidium.

The American Zionist leader disavowed any desire to interfere in internal Israel affairs, but expressed the great desire of the Zionist movement to make certain that "the foundations of the Jewish state and civilization are firmly laid."

Dr. Emanuel Neumann, one of Mr. Browdy's predecessors as President of the Z.O.A., asserted as the goal of his supporters "partnership — at all times, in all circumstances...'" There is no purpose, said Dr. Neumann, in having a status-giving resolution, unless accompanied by sincere actions.

The Mapam position, enun-

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Congress Building A 'Going Concern'

Post Reporter

The huge partly-finished Convention Centre became a "going concern" on the second day of the Zionist Congress yesterday. Workers could still be heard hammering away on the upper floors, putting the finishing touches on the decor of the temporary offices and corridors.

Fluorescent lights were installed in almost all the rooms, and the first earphones to be used in the translation system appeared in the Congress Hall.

There are no panes in any of the windows—a blessing in view of the hot weather—and from time to time the wind sweeps papers from tables.

Open for Business

In the large vestibule neat pavilions were "open for business." Among them were those of El Al, Bank Leumi, the National Funds and Youth Aliya, a bookseller, a travel service, Zim-Israel Navigation and Wizo. A pretty and genial red-haired stewardess behind the El Al counter was kept fairly busy with inquiries about bookings.

The Post Office did a landslide business, selling first day covers with the Herzl stamps.

The only quiet place in the humming building was the neat white first aid station, equipped with an elaborate array of modern instruments. Only a few minor cases have had to be dealt with — cut fingers and a few persons who fainted.

In the basement the cafeteria, managed by Hadassah's Hotel Management School in Jerusalem, began operations. In the morning citrus juice, sandwiches, and tasty cakes were sold—a 70-pruta ticket bought a glass of mitz.

Later in the day the price was lowered to 50-pruta. Lunch consisted of a fish fillet platter and a pudding dessert. The price of the meal was originally 500-pruta but cut later to 450-pruta. Patient students behind the counter acquitted themselves well in handling the busy and hungry delegates.

Unity Stressed By Two of the First

Post Reporter

Two of the surviving delegates to the first Zionist Congress, held at Basle in 1897, recalled that historic meeting at yesterday's first session of the current Congress.

Dr. I. Schallt, Herzl's first secretary, recalled that it had been his privilege to open both the first and the present Congresses with the now traditional three raps of the gavel. In his brief remarks he observed that the strength of the Jewish people lay in the fact that they were all "united in their love of Zion."

Dr. M. Ebner, the second veteran, pointed out that it had been the Zionist Movement that had "roused the Jewish people to take its fate into its own hands." The chief task of the Congress was to keep the Jewish people united as a nation, he declared.

Both delegates were received with the warmest applause afforded any other speaker at the session.

In his speech of welcome, Mr. S.Z. Shragai, Mayor of Jerusalem, urged the Congress to make the Jewish people conscious of the fact that their natural place was in Israel. The Congress had to find a way of safeguarding the entity of the Jewish nation, Mr. Shragai declared.

Tickets for Congress

A limited number of single session tickets to the Zionist Congress will be available daily for residents at the entrance to the Convention Centre between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. and 8 p.m., the Congress Office announced last night.

Tickets for visitors from abroad may be obtained at the Jewish Agency offices in Jerusalem between 9 a.m. and 12 a.m. daily.

AFTER MIDNIGHT

The famous German pianist, Artur Schnabel, died yesterday at Axenstein in central Switzerland, Radio Zurich reported late last night. He was 69.

Column One

By David Courtney

THE governments, the diplomats and the editorial writers of the West are in a sad state of bewilderment: the Russian sphinx has unflexed its paws and against all probability has begun gently purring. No clever soothsayer is at hand to read the signs and clarify the confusion of statesmen and editors steering their troubled way between the Scylla of appeasement and the Charybdis of MacArthurism. Washington, with a policy of sorts made up, and a long, deep commitment to the line that Communism is a villainy and Moscow its arch-fiend, has nothing to put in policy's place if there should be need of a change and no means of cushioning its fall from the commitment. London, which has had no steadfast policy to burden it and has played "follow-the-leader" half-heartedly, has enough suppleness left to toy with the prospect of a new, less costly and less terrifying game; and so has Paris, whose team of players, except for the inevitable M. Schuman, is changed so often that none of them has time to learn any game properly.

THERE are good grounds for the confusion. Since the Malik appeal for a cease-fire in Korea, moves ostensibly pacificatory or at the very least well-intentioned in appearance, have followed one after the other from Moscow. The "New York Times" week-end edition editorially summarizes these puzzling developments over the whole of its first page. Korea was a practical move with the right kind of probabilities attached to it. A Quaker delegation from England and later a delegation of twenty women of moderate political persuasion, including Mrs. Sydney Silverman, have been met with exceptional courtesy and patience by the Soviet leaders and have been given all kinds of assurances to the effect that Russia has not the slightest desire to export revolution or to meddle in other nations' lives. "Pravda's" publication of the unedited version of Mr. Morrison's assessment of the democratic way of life, and its reprinting, together with "Pravda's" reply, in other leading Soviet newspapers, came almost at the same time as the issue of the new Soviet weekly, "News," which is dedicated to friendship between Russia and the English-speaking world.

WHAT does it mean? A tactical change of mind or a genuine change of heart? Nobody knows and hardly any cautious observer dares to guess.

THERE are plenty of incautious observers, untrammelled by doubt: columnists like the Alsop Brothers and London's A.J. Cummings, and the usual run of uncompromising anti-Communist know-alls, who discredit the whole soft rigmarole as a cunning snare, or, alternatively have at their itching finger-tips unquestionable evidence to prove that the cooing of the Russian dove is but the sound, muffled by the thickness of the iron curtain, of the great Communist beast half crippled from wounds inflicted by internal unrest, economic malaise, and mounting deviationism among its allies; and terrified by the looming Nemesis of General Eisenhower's probable twenty divisions. But it should not be difficult to test whether Russia's friendly advances are a snare or not; without asking, as official spokesmen and commentators are asking, for "practical evidence" in the form, one supposes, of unilateral concessions of a strategic and political nature. If, on the other hand, the Soviet is troubled internally and awed by the external might arrayed against it, is that not precisely what we have wanted as a prelude to getting on to sound terms with Russia? There is, of course, always the chance that the Soviet merely wants a peaceful world and one that will trade with her; it is pretty much what the rest of us want: most of us, at any rate.

Tel Aviv, August 16.

Persians Claim Oil Proposals 'Incomplete'

TEHERAN, Wednesday (Reuter).—Persian delegates cross-examined Mr. Richard Stokes for two-and-a-half hours today on his "peace" proposals and then described them as "incomplete."

Mr. Stokes himself denied that Premier Mohammed Mossadeq had turned down his eight-point plan offering Persia control of operations inside the country. "Nothing has been accepted," he said. "But I am convinced that these proposals are as good as any Persia could get."

One of the Persian delegates, Education Minister Karim Sandjadi, added "the position is virtually unchanged."

Dr. Hussein Fatemi, Dr. Mossadeq's assistant, gave a version of the British plan, which he said was not in accordance with understandings with the U.S. oil envoy, Mr. Averell Harriman.

Persian Counterproposals

Dr. Fatemi said Premier Mossadeq had last night rejected the British proposals and made these counterproposals:

- Persia agrees to sell Britain all the oil she wants;
- The claims of both sides are subject to study and discussion;
- British oil staff is to keep on working.

After the morning conversations Mr. Stokes gave a press conference at which he categorically denied that Dr. Mossadeq had rejected his plan or offered counterproposals. He was surprised, he said, by Dr. Fatemi's statement, adding that it had been agreed between the two delegations to keep the full text of the British proposals private.

Later Mr. Stokes issued a summary of his memorandum to the Persians on August 13 giving Britain's ideas for a settlement.

Nationalisation Accepted

The statement, he said, was drafted with these principles in mind:

Britain recognized the principle of oil nationalization by Persia, the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company as such would cease to exist in Persia and its assets would be transferred against compensation. Persian oil should start flowing again as soon as possible, and Britain and Persia would cooperate for efficient production and marketing of Persian oil resources.

The eight points suggested:

- The National Iranian Oil Company would own all the assets in Persia of the A.I.O.C.
- The British and Persian Governments would arrange that there was no interference in Persia's internal affairs by anyone in the oil industry.
- A 25-year contract for the sale of oil.
- The National Iranian Company would make its profit by selling oil free on board in Persia and the suggested purchasing agency would make money by selling the oil in the world market.
- "In order that the N.I.O.C. may have at its disposal the best technical knowledge and management, the purchasing organization would agree with the N.I.O.C. on an organization with a number of Iranian directors on the board which would act as agents for it and manage the oil fields and refinery at Abadan."
- This agency would act under the authority of the N.I.O.C. It would make no profits and be responsible for day to day management and administration and technical matters. Mr. Stokes explained that British oil staff would only agree to remain "under an experienced and qualified management."
- The agency would cooperate wholeheartedly in a programme to increase the number of trained Persians in the industry.
- The Persians would manage the distribution of oil inside their own country and take over the small Kermanshah refinery which serves these domestic needs.

Mufti Says Assassins Were Glubb's Men

CAIRO, Wednesday (UP).—The ex-Mufti, Haj Amin el Husseini, charged yesterday that the assassins of King Abdullah were completely under the control of Glubb Pasha, the British Commander of the Arab Legion. Husseini proposed that the Arab states send a commission to Jerusalem to investigate the campaign of "terror, massacre and persecution committed by Glubb's army and the police following Abdullah's murder."

New Coalition Talks Begin

Mr. David Ben Gurion was yesterday invited by President Weizmann to form a new Government, it was announced last night. The President invited Mr. Ben Gurion to Rehovot following the termination of discussions with the various party representatives on Monday.

The President's invitation came after a discussion lasting more than an hour, the announcement added.

Mr. Ben Gurion later returned to Jerusalem, where in the evening he met three representatives of Mapam, Mr. Israel Bar Yehuda, Mr. Meir Yaari and Mr. Yaakov Hazan. Mr. Moshe Sharett joined Mr. Ben Gurion in representing Mapai.

The conference lasted two hours, and it was decided that the meeting would be continued at a future date to be set today.

Earnest Approach

Neither party was willing to comment on the prospects of Mapam joining the coalition. Mapai sources said, however, that the negotiations were much more than a formality and were characterized by an earnest approach on both sides. It is known that the Mapai leadership opposes a coalition with the General Zionists unless Mapam also participates as a counterbalance to the weight of the Right.

Mr. Bar Yehuda told *The Post* after the meeting that the negotiations had sought to determine whether a "common language could be found." He refused to say whether the possibility of a broad coalition, including the General Zionists, had been discussed, but indicated that the talks were centred primarily on the relations between Mapai and Mapam.

In the afternoon, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Gurion entertained Dr. and Mrs. A.H. Silver and Dr. E. Neumann to tea at their home in Jerusalem. Mr. and Mrs. Sharett were also present.

Saudi Arabia Hangs Back

LONDON, Wednesday (AP).—Britain and Saudi Arabia have failed to agree on the future ownership of several territories in the oil-rich Persian Gulf after a week's high level discussions, official sources reported today.

A Foreign Office spokesman lent weight to the report by admitting that Saudi Arabian Foreign Minister Emir Feisal will be staying beyond the scheduled date of his departure on Aug. 17 "for further talks."

Emir Feisal, second son of King Ibn Saud, staked several claims for disputed territory when he met Mr. Herbert Morrison last week. Saudi Arabia, he indicated, wants to take over: about nine islands on the eastern side of the Persian Gulf; several shoals — uninhabited land outcrops from the seabed of the Gulf — in the same area; a number of territorial strips piercing the western frontier of Saudi Arabia from the Qatar and Oman Sheikhdoms; and the rights to develop suspected oil deposits in the seabed adjoining Saudi Arabian territories.

Peace Delegates Invade West

BERLIN, Wednesday (Reuter). — Over 6,000 blue-shirted East-German youths today marched into the French and American sectors of Berlin bellowing "Ami (Yank) go Home." West Berlin police charged them with truncheons and broke them up with high pressure water jets from special anti-riot cars.

The demonstrations were "obviously planned and organized" police H.Q. said.

Many of the demonstrators hurled stones at the West Berlin police and at one place pulled a West Berlin policeman across the boundary. West Berlin police said East German People's police beat and kicked him and took away his pistol before his colleagues managed to free him.

Security Council To Resume on Suez

UNITED NATIONS, NEW YORK, Wednesday (INA).—The week's grace given Egypt to settle the Suez issue "out of court" has failed to produce any results, and the Security Council is expected to meet tomorrow to order Egypt to lift the blockade. Observers here, however, do not expect the Council to vote on the order till Friday or next Tuesday.

An American spokesman indicated today that the U.S. delegation would make a "strong statement" at tomorrow's meeting, and most observers thought that the resolution ordering Egypt to cease interfering with Israel-bound cargoes would be passed by the Council. While they expected some changes in the wording, it was generally agreed that there would be no change in its substance.

An A.P. report from Cairo, however, said that Egyptians were "quite confident" that the resolution would not be passed by the Council. The Egyptians, it appears, expect five abstentions—Russia, India, the Lebanon, Turkey and Yugoslavia. With 11 members sitting on the Council, this would be enough to prevent the resolution from getting the required majority of seven.

EGYPT WON'T BE BOUND

ALEXANDRIA, Wednesday (AFP).—Egypt shall not be bound by the recommendations or decisions of the military conference at Nairobi, which is to open in Kenya next week with the object of exploring the whole of the problem involved in the defence of the African continent, authoritative Egyptian circles affirmed today.

The relevant note will be communicated by the Egyptian Foreign Ministry to the Governments of Great Britain and South Africa, which had been entrusted with the transmission to the Egyptian Government of the invitation to attend the conference.

U.N. Suggests Committee On Buffer Zone

MUNSAN, Wednesday, (AP). The Communist delegates at Kaesong today brightened up at the chief U.N. delegate's proposal of a special sub-committee to go into the delicate buffer zone issue. Brig.-Gen. William Nuckols, U.N. spokesman, said the Communist generals "showed more visible interest in Admiral Turner Joy's proposal that they have shown in any other statement."

Admiral Joy suggested that the sub-committee meet "around rather than across the table" to escape the "formality of utterances" which he said contributed to the deadlock.

He asked for a reply to his proposal at Thursday's meeting. The proposal provided that each side will appoint a single member with a limited staff of assistants.

A U.N. communique said that Adm. Joy advanced the idea after both sides "expressed their respective but divergent views on the effectiveness of naval and air operations on the overall military situation."

Gen. Nam Il, chief Communist delegate, conceded that U.N. air and naval bombardments had a "definite amount of effect" on troop movements but added that the Communists were "overcoming this effect."

The U.N. claims its air and naval power gives it power far beyond the present land front.

Peking radio declared later today that the American proposals were "not cease-fire but surrender" proposals.

Thousands Celebrate

Meanwhile, thousands of citizens in Seoul and other parts of South Korea were celebrating the third anniversary of the foundation of the Republic of Korea. In a special message for the occasion, President Truman assured them: "We shall not fail you nor forsake you."

Communist troops, counter-attacking with mortar and machine-gun fire, drove U.N. forces off a hill on the eastern front today. Allied troops had fought for the hill most last night.

The hill, one of five near Kaesong, has been the objective of a three-day battle. The Communists held two hills and the Allies two, while the fifth hill has been under artillery fire for 36 hours.

Korean Masses See Better Days

MUNSAN, Wednesday (Reuter). — The Korean cease-fire talks and the consequent lull in the fighting are having a happy effect on the distribution of food and medical supplies to Korea's homeless millions.

U.N. military authorities are freeing an average of 40 goods wagons a day to carry 1,000 tons of foodstuffs and medicines to the hinterland from Pusan, it was learned here. When the full-scale war was on, military needs made it impossible to allot more than two or three wagons to civilian relief.

There is another bright spot in the tragic Korean picture of death and devastation — this autumn's rice crop is expected to be one of the best in years. Fifty thousand tons of fertilizer imported by the U.N. Civil Assistance Command in Korea is given a big share of the credit for the war-battered country's crop prospects.

New U.S. Draft on Japan Makes Some Concessions

WASHINGTON, Wednesday.—The U.S. and Britain last night announced the completion of their revised draft of the Japanese peace treaty, explicitly recognising the restoration of Japanese sovereignty and ignoring Russian and Indian criticisms.

Russia had objected that no restrictions were placed on Japanese rearmament, while India criticised the rights of the Allies to station troops in Japan.

The new draft made several concessions, however, to demands by Holland and a number of Asian powers, including the Philippines and Indonesia, regarding reparations. It did not completely satisfy these countries' demands, a spokesman said, but went a good deal of the way to making agreement possible.

Today, Mr. John Foster Dulles, responsible for the original negotiations as well as the new draft, announced that there were indications that "more than a majority" of the countries at war with Japan would sign the treaty at San Francisco next month.

'No Changes'

At the same time, however, he gave a blunt warning that the U.S. was not prepared to see any changes made in the new draft, and stressed that none of the new revisions were of "a major character."

Replying to questions later today, Mr. Dulles said that

- There was a possibility that the Associated States of Indo-China might be invited to the San Francisco conference.
- The Korean Republic, which would not be a party to the Treaty, had already received substantial reparations by acquiring former Japanese agricultural and industrial assets. Korea, he said, in the final analysis would have obtained a larger share of reparations than any country except the Soviet Union.
- At the request of the Japanese Government a new clause had been added declaring that the Potsdam declaration providing for the return of Japanese military forces to their homes "will be carried out."

Observers Uneasy

Most observers, meanwhile, were wondering uneasily what would be the effect of Russia's surprise decision to attend the San Francisco talks. In Tokyo, Japanese diplomatic circles claimed that Russia had prepared a complete alternative treaty for submission to the conference. They also believed Russia would press for the power of veto on the treaty.

The New China News Agency reported tonight that the Chinese Foreign Minister rejected the proposed treaty as "basically unacceptable." (UP, Reuter)

Silver Statement Harmful—Lipsky

NEW YORK, Wednesday (ITA). — "Dr. Abba Hillel Silver's statement in Jerusalem that the 'mobilized force of American organized Jewry had been undermined,' was not good for Jewish interests in Israel or in the U.S.," Mr. Louis Lipsky, Chairman of the American Zionist Council, told the press today.

"The records will show that all Zionist Jewish groups have been helpful to Israel in a harmonious cooperation never known before. Favourable opinion has been won notably in Washington but also throughout the country to an extent rarely witnessed in Zionist history — as evidenced by the favourable report of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs for a substantial allocation of grant-in-aid.

"There has certainly been no indication," Mr. Lipsky stressed, "that 'the mobilized force of American Jewry has been undermined' by Israel. Nor have we found in the course of the last two years the least indication of any desire on the part of Israel's U.N. representatives to resent or reject American Jewish or Zionist efforts in public relations.

"Dr. Silver seems unable to adjust himself to the historic fact that there is a Jewish State in existence which has legal representatives in the U.N., and that the initiative and responsibility for action rests with them," Mr. Lipsky concluded.

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Social & Personal

A wreath of flowers was laid by the Israel Minister to Warsaw, Dr. Arieh Kubovi, on the Warsaw Ghetto monument on Tisha B'Av. The Minister and other members of the Legation staff also visited the Great Synagogue in the Polish capital on Saturday.

Mr. Daniel Auster, former Mayor of Jerusalem, returned by air to Israel yesterday morning from London. He is a Progressive delegate at the Zionist Congress.

A reception for Jerusalem residents of Canadian origin was given by the Canadian delegates to the Zionist Congress at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A.H. Friedgut in Jerusalem last night. Among the guests were Dr. and Mrs. Dov Joseph, and Mr. and Mrs. Berl Locker.

Major Ellis Widney, of the U.S. Air Force, is in Israel accompanied by Mrs. Widney, to take up his post as Assistant Air Attache at the Embassy. He succeeds Captain William J. Cashman who left recently after serving two years here.

M. Paul Foldenyi, Chief of Chancellory of the Hungarian Legation in Israel, and Mme. Foldenyi left Israel yesterday by air.

Mr. Robert Gottlieb, of the P.I.C.A. Board of Directors in Paris, has arrived in Israel for a short visit.

Mrs. Ida Davidowitz has left for the U.K. in connection with Youth Aliya affairs.

Mr. Christopher Pollon, member of the Board of Directors of C.A.R.E., is in Israel for a visit.

Mrs. Helena Lieberman, Mrs. Mary Sachs and Mrs. Freda Raphael, members of the South African delegation to Wizo's 12th world conference opening in Jerusalem on September 5, are in Israel. Also in Israel is Mrs. Bernice Shapiro, South African delegate to the Young Wizo rally which will take place in Tel Aviv on August 30 and 31.

The sculptor and artist, Mr. Haim Gross, arrived yesterday by air from New York.

Lilo Alexander, the singer from U.S.A., received a hearty welcome at a concert for wounded soldiers in a military hospital somewhere in Israel.

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. L. Alk, of Green Bay, Wis., U.S.A., are celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary today. On this occasion, their names have been inscribed in the Golden Book of the Jewish National Fund, by their relatives in Israel.

OBITUARY

Mrs. Edith Weinberger

The death took place in Jerusalem after a long illness at the age of 60 of Mrs. Edith Weinberger. She is survived by her son, Dr. Paul Weinberger, her daughter, Mrs. Ilse Sieburgh, 6 Rehov Metudela, Jerusalem, a son-in-law and three grandchildren. Please abstain from visits.

T.A. BUS LINES ARE CURTAILED

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — Many Tel Avivians will have to walk as from tomorrow when three bus lines will be withdrawn from service.

The routes to stop running are numbers 6, 12 and 41; other lines will run shorter services as from tomorrow morning, but No. 2, which was to have been shortened, will continue as usual.

A number of bus stops were withdrawn from use today and posters, announcing their temporary disuse, were pasted over the station signs.

Milkman Sentenced, Hit Sabbath Observer

TEL AVIV, Wednesday (ITIM).—Mr. S. Loewenthal, a Holon milkman, was today sentenced to one day in prison and fined IL.10 for hitting a Sabbath observer over the head with a milk-can lid in March.

The charge, which was heard by Magistrate B. Giladi, said that Loewenthal had been riding home on his bicycle after completing his rounds on a Friday afternoon when he was stopped by Mr. H. Weinberg, who warned the accused of the approaching Sabbath. The accused then dismounted, and while he was rinsing the milk cans under a tap, Weinberg approached him once more. Loewenthal then hit the man.

PEACE DEFENDERS LOOK FOR MEETING PLACE

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — An Israel delegation is expected to participate in the forthcoming convention of the "Defenders of the Peace" committees in the Middle East and North Africa. A preparatory meeting is to take place in Tunis on August 25, but the convention site has not yet been chosen because of the difficulty in finding a neutral country where delegates from Israel and the Arab countries can meet.

Two new immigrants at the Holon Ma'bara were seriously injured on Tuesday in an argument over the distribution of ice boxes. Three persons were arrested.

Struggle for Agricultural Basis Only Beginning

By Our Labour Correspondent

Events have happened so swiftly during the last year that it has been almost impossible to keep track of them. While only a short time ago the main influence of mass immigration on the settlements appeared to be the rise of the Moshavim—a movement away from the Kibbutzim, now the Moshavim in their turn are in for a crisis.

Some months ago the conference of the Moshavim tried to evolve a statute which should guard the cooperative settlement from changes forced upon it by new immigrants who did not fully understand its content. In the meantime difficulties in the new settlements have increased and it is doubtful how the many thousands who have been planted on the soil will stand up to the many difficulties encountered in building up a settlement. Not only the social structure of the Moshavim is in danger but in a number of places it is difficult to keep the people in their villages.

There are, of course, many settlements where immigrants have taken to their new surroundings with surprising adaptability and rapidly learn their new trade of agriculture. Success depends in certain places on the settlers; in others on the instructors who have succeeded in implanting into their wards the feeling of the importance of the work to be done; in some places a lenient climate and fruitful soil have eased the lot of the newcomers.

Shock of Transition

In regions however where conditions of pioneering have been particularly hard or where the shock of transition was too great, adaption was simply impossible. There have been cases where new settlers appeared in the Jewish Agency and simply declared that they had spent a year in the Negev and that it was now their turn to go to a more pleasant place. There have been cases where people asked to be transferred from a new settlement to a ma'bara either because they had friends or relatives there or because they hoped to be nearer to a town and wanted to start life there.

Among those who are prepared to stay in their villages there are many who do not intend to become settlers in the full sense of the word but who are content to live on the earnings in public works.

We have here more than a problem of social organization. It was assumed at the beginning that it would be sufficient to take into account the longing of the newcomers for a home of their own by organizing them into Moshavim and that they would soon learn to adjust themselves to unfamiliar conditions. Much has been written on the miracle that in Israel we have reversed the trend from the towns to the country by speeding up colonization. Recent experiences prove however that the struggle for the creation of a genuine agricultural basis in Israel is only beginning now. It begins the moment new settlers try to get to the towns.

This trend — today still confined to certain difficult regions—is not surprising. We try to colonize with people who have everything to learn about agriculture. This we did, it is true, during the early stages of Zionist colonization but then ideological preparation was thorough and the settlers presented an elite prepared for hardships and with an almost religious dedication to a task they had chosen themselves. Even then there were defections in the ranks of the faithful but youth movements abroad and in the country filled them up again.

Today the position is changed completely. People do not join the new settlements because they choose to do so but because they are sent there, often ignorant of living conditions. That there should be many of them who are unable or unwilling to go through with the big experiment is therefore only natural.

Keeping to the Land

We must however find the way to keep people on the land. It is not only a problem of the dispersion of the population or of a balance between industry and agriculture. We simply have to grow more food. To do so we have to find out whether the unrest among part of the new settlers is due to hard living conditions, to their inability to grasp the basic issues of Labour settlement as developed in this country or to their inability to manage a farm.

It is still too early to answer these fateful questions with sufficient certainty but in all probability all the factors mentioned play their part. The fact that in many cases settlers prefer the income from public works to the development of their plots has brought about new proposals for agricultural organization.

A State Farm

It is believed that it would be easier to set up some sort of state farm on which people could be employed without being responsible for their own piece of land. This would save equipment and instructors, would guarantee the workers a certain income and eliminate cases where plants and animals are neglected out of ignorance or idleness.

Against this plan it is argued that the incentive to be one's own boss and reach real independence would be eliminated, choking initiative wherever it appears. This argument deserves the most serious consideration. Experts concerned with colonization often argue that the new settler would do much more if he could be sure of more rapid material progress. They point out that it is doubtful if the worker who is only an employee on the land will show real interest in the development of a big farm.

Today we can only state the case. Solutions to the problems sketched here will have to be tried out and perhaps only the method of trial and error will yield results. But it must be clear that settlement today confronts us with difficulties of a nature completely different from those twenty or even ten years ago. And solutions will therefore have to take into account the "second Israel" with its peculiar psychological traits.



Congress News, Comment On Coalition Exercise Press

While the opening of the Zionist Congress overshadowed all other news in yesterday's press, editorial comment centred, nonetheless, on Israel domestic politics and coalition negotiations.

Though most papers carried reports on the Congress addresses of the Prime Minister, Dr. Nahum Goldmann and Mr. Berl Locker, and the greetings of President Weizmann in full, headlines in party papers appeared often not to stress the speeches' main themes.

"Kol Ha'am" (Communist) charges: "Ben Gurion falsifies the facts of the national and social liberation of Soviet Jewry." "Haboker" (General Zionist) sees Mr. Locker's address as an admission of "the necessity of encouraging an influx of foreign capital."

"Haboker" also had words for the Congress Court of Honour, which came in for unfavourable comparison, at its hands, with Tel Aviv and Haifa District Courts, which have invalidated two municipal elections. The paper makes the most of the fact that, whatever it may say about the Congress Court, it will not put itself in "contempt of court." "Faithful Zionists will receive with grief ... the Congress Court's deviation from basic principles of justice as a dangerous precedent," the writer concludes.

Neumann Letter

"Dr. Emanuel Neumann's letter appealing to the General Zionists and the Progressives to unite for a maximum effort in Israel (as regards the formation of a new coalition) and in the Diaspora (to fix the status of the Zionist movement) was published by "Ha'aretz" and "Haboker."

In its leading article, "Ha'aretz" (Independent), foresees a dilemma for the General Zionists should Mapam accept the invitation to participate in the new coalition, inasmuch as the General Zionists declared that they are ready to collaborate with all parties, except with Mapam and the Communists. Meanwhile, a "Herut" report from Jerusalem claims that Messrs. Ya'ari and Bar Yehuda (Mapam), in their talk with President Weizmann, had, in fact, indicated Mapam's willingness to participate in a broad coalition.

"Al Hamishmar" (Mapam), demands a compromise as the price of its participation in the Government. The Mapai platform for a coalition is unacceptable, it says, just as Mapam could not demand full Mapai agreement with the Mapam platform. "A basis must be found for agreement by both sides." The paper urges the establishment of a Mapai-Mapam workers' front as the backbone of a progressive coalition.

BAKERS THREATEN STRIKE IN T.A.

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — Bakery workers here have threatened to stage a partial strike next week following the refusal of bakery owners to apply the new wage scale retroactive to January 1.

The bakery owners said they were able to increase wages as from July only, when the higher bread prices where introduced.

The local labour council has approved the strike.

Haifa Port Overtaxed

HAIFA, Wednesday. — Haifa Port storage capacity is again being taxed to the limit by large quantities of goods which importers fail to clear promptly. They explained their delays as due to red tape of the various controlling authorities and to the shortage of transport.

Where to Go

JERUSALEM

8-6: Jerusalem Biblical Zoo; Romema.

9-1; 3-6: Exhibition of New Acquisitions; Line Engravings by Cecile Reims; Exhibit of the Month: Caryatid by Modigliani, Watercolour; Bezalel Museum.

10-1; 4-7: Special Exhibition of paintings and sculptures by Jerusalem artists; Artists House.

11-1: Students' Works; New Bezalel School of Arts & Crafts.

11.30-12.30: Film Shows of Israel; Keren Hayesod Head Office.

8.30 p.m.: "Tartuffe"; Chamber Theatre; Edison.

TEL AVIV

9-1; 4-8: Chagall Exhibition: Tel Aviv Museum.

HAIFA

8 a.m.-5.30 p.m.: Theological and Scientific Library — Central Synagogue Bldg., Rehov Gilad.

10-1; 5-6: Municipal Museum, 3 Hassan Shukri Street.

PETAH TIKVA

9 p.m.: "Special Programme," La-Lo Theatre with Leo Fuld and Orchestra; Heikhal.

Jerusalem Cinemas

At 3.30, 7 & 9 p.m.

ARNON: The Good Earth.
EDEN: Nancy Goes to Rio.
EDISON: Buccaneer's Girl.
ORION: First Comes Courage.
STUDIO: Nicholas Nickleby.
ZION: To The End of The Earth.

Haifa Cinemas

CARMEL: Aloma (7.00 & 9.30 p.m.).
GAN YAM: Calcutta (8.30 p.m.).

No Replies Yet To Peace Talk Offer

No replies have yet been received by the Palestine Conciliation Committee to the invitations extended to Israel and the Arab countries to attend a conference on "all outstanding problems" in Paris on September 10, U.N sources in Jerusalem disclosed yesterday.

The Refugee Office of the P.C.C. in Jerusalem has not yet completed its work on a refugee compensation report, it was learned. The Office is maintaining constant contact with the P.C.C. in Geneva, however, where sections of the report are dispatched immediately upon their completion, it was stated.

Emergency Pharmacies

JERUSALEM: Schneider, 18 Ben Yehuda, 3841. Bet Israel, Bet Israel, 2251.

TEL AVIV: Britt, 17 Allenby, 4551. Silman, 57 Ahad Ha'am, 4091. Galed, 192 Dizengoff, 4364. Hovevei Zion, 38 Hovevei Zion, 66833. Maccabi, New Maccabi Quarter, Terufa, Givat Aliyah, Jaffa, 80631.

HAIFA: Wadi Nisnas, 28 Khuri, 4197. Herzl, 43 Herzl, 2816. Haifa Bay: Bialik, Kiryat Bialik, 7220.

ON THE AIR

NEWS: Hebrew: 7 a.m., 1.30 p.m. & 8.30 and 10.25 p.m.; English: 2 and 10.15 p.m.; Arabic Programme (including News): 6 a.m., 2.15 and 7.15 p.m.; French: 3 p.m.

6.30 a.m. Service, 6.35 Exercises, 6.45 Musical Clock (R), 7.15 Melodies 7.45 Oriental Music R. Amar, 8.30 Close Down.

10.00 a.m. Morning Concert (R), 10.30 Operas (R), 11.00 Concert Hall: Suite No. 3 for Cello Unaccompanied (Bach); Duo for Violin & Viola (Mozart), 11.45 Military Bands (R), 12.00 "Vacation & Recreation": Programme for Holiday Camp Children, 12.30 Agricultural News, 12.30 Programme for Hospitals, 1.00 Soldiers' Programme, 1.45 Housewives' Programme, 3.15 Close Down.

4.00 p.m. Programme for Yemenites, 4.30 Musical Miniatures (R), 5.00 "Where to Go" (Jerusalem), 5.15 Recital: Alexander Schocken (Tel Aviv), 5.30 Child's Corner, 5.45 Geography in the News, 6.15 Language Corner, 6.30 Children's Hour, 7.30 "From Worker to Worker," 7.45 Bible Reading, 8.00 Soldiers' Programme, 8.45 Light Music (R), 9.30 "The Economic Struggle": by Y. Bonen, 9.45 Talmud Lesson by Rabbi Nariya, 10.30 Piano Recital: Irith Bossi: Spanish Music: Works by Soler, Longo, Bossi, Granados, Albeniz, de Falla & Turina, 11.15 Close Down.

Immigrants' Hour (30.3 M.): 6.30 p.m. French; 7.00 p.m. Ladino; 7.30 p.m. Yiddish; 8.00 p.m. Turkish; 8.15 p.m. Persian.

Kol Zion Lagola (30.3 M.): 12.15 a.m. Newsreel, 12.20 "Israel's Press": by Col. M. Pearlman, 12.35 Congress Report, 12.45 Search for Missing Relatives.

B.B.C. HEBREW BROADCASTS (19.91 and 24.92 M.): 7.30 News, 7.40 News Talk, 7.45 The Tune of the Week, 7.40 London Letter.

ARMY PROGRAMMES (280, 225 & 44.6 M.): 6.30 p.m. Programme Announcements, 6.35 Melodies, 6.45 Request Programme, 7.30 Today's Events, 7.35 Works by Rimsky-Korsakoff, 8.00 Soldiers' Programme, 8.30 News, 8.45 Military Quiz, 9.15 Dance Music, 10.00 Close Down.

VOICE OF AMERICA: Hebrew Programme: 9—9.30 p.m. (13.85, 16.85, 17.01 & 19.07 from U.S.A.; 19.82 & 25.30 from Tangiers).

Soccer Season To Start on Time

Following a meeting of the Israel Football Association a few days ago, it is reported that the Israel soccer season will start this year on time. The Working Committee discussed in detail the programme for a comprehensive League schedule and for the Cup matches, due to start after the summer vacation.

The I.F.A. is due to meet again in the next few days to approve the Working Committee's programme. In this schedule, dates have been set aside for international games, allowing for negotiations which have been or are going on between local clubs and foreign sides intending to visit and play in Israel.

The Committee has already approved the visit of two Swedish sides, Malmoe and Diofgarden, third placed Swedish team in the local championship, and of a United States soccer side, as well as a trip by Haifa Hapoel to play in Cyprus next season.

Betar Win Boxing Tournament

There was an exciting end to the boxing tournament between Tel Aviv Betar and Tel Aviv Maccabi, held in Tel Aviv before an overflow crowd last Friday. The Betar side gained the verdict in the final middleweight bout, to become winners by eight points to six.

RESULTS: Bantamweight: Nissan (Betar) beat Yomtov (Maccabi) by a technical knockout in the second round. Featherweight: Drori (Betar) beat Babayoff (Macc.) on points. Lightweight: Holt (Maccabi — the movement's featherweight champion) beat Ben Amos (Betar) on points; and Levy (Macc.) beat Zidka (Betar) on points. Welterweight: Shapiro (Betar) beat Baghdad (Macc.) on points; and M. Schneider (Macc.) beat Yosef (Betar) on points. This brought the points tally to six-all with the issue to be decided in the final contest. In this the Betar middleweight Avraham Levi defeated Eliahu Patya, of Maccabi, on points to give his side the narrow win.

Athletes Did Not Leave For Turkey

The athletic team, which was due to leave for Turkey a few days ago to participate in the Turkish International Championships at Istanbul, which started on Sunday, did not go as the trip was cancelled at the last moment.

A dispute arose regarding the formation of the team, which the Israel Sports Federation had chosen after Maccabi trials. The Physical Training Department of the Ministry of Education and Culture whose consent must be obtained before exit visas are granted, ruled that a combined Maccabi-Hapoel Committee should be set up to arrange joint trials and to choose a representative side, and would not accept the suggested team of Maccabi men only.

The Israel Sports Federation refused to agree to this, and the trip was cancelled. Maccabi say that at a joint meeting with Mr. Avrech, head of the Education and P.T. Department, Maccabi and Hapoel delegates had agreed that a Maccabi runner would be replaced by one from Hapoel, but that the P.T. Department still insisted on their original suggestion for a joint Committee to decide the matters of trials and team choice.

Maccabi Israel have issued an "Open Letter" in which they complain about the refusal of the Physical Training Department to agree to the departure of the team for Turkey, and state that they sent a telegram to the Acting Minister of Education and Culture, Mr. M. Sharett, protesting that "Maccabi had been slighted" and requesting his intervention in the matter.

JERUSALEM BEAT JAFFA AT VOLLEYBALL

Jerusalem Hapoel beat Jaffa Hapoel in a friendly volleyball match at the Y.M.C.A. in the Capital on Saturday afternoon. The home side won by 2-0 (15-12, 15-12).

STATE OF ISRAEL

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

MINISTRY OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY

To holders of Purchasing Permits and suppliers of commodities in accordance with these permits.

The Ministry of Trade and Industry is introducing a new system of issuing Purchasing Permits. From now on it will not be necessary for the owner of the permit:—

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I hope and feel certain that the public will cooperate with us to ensure the success of this new system which is being introduced for the convenience of the Purchaser, the Supplier and the staff of our offices as well as to improve the administrative efficiency. Applications for Permits should be submitted in the same way as hitherto.

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Nahariya	70	23	31	31
Tel Aviv Port	77	23	29	29
Lydda	65	20	34	33
Jerusalem	48	22	31	32
Beersheba	—	21	33	33

*A) Humidity at 2 p.m. B) Minimum temp. C) Maxim. yesterday. D) Maxim. temp. expected today.

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54 immigrants from Iraq and 19 from Persia arrived by air during the 24 hours ending yesterday afternoon.

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Currency in circulation at the close of business yesterday totalled IL.[illegible]. This is IL.548,000 higher than last week. Government land bonds rose by IL.648,000 to IL.[illegible], while Treasury Bonds decreased by IL.300,000 to IL.37,[illegible]. Foreign currency was unchanged at IL.3,761,779,500.

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A one-day lock-out by diamond polishing employers, scheduled to begin today, has been postponed for two or three weeks to enable the Controller of Diamonds to study the polishers' demands.

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The Negev Authority yesterday returned livestock and equipment which it had removed from Moshav Mashul after the settlers had promised to continue living in the village and had apologised for their behaviour at the Authority offices in Beersheba two weeks ago when, in a demonstration, they demanded housing in the Tel Aviv area.

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The regular convoy went to Mt. Scopus yesterday, taking with them food and fuel supplies.

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The Minister of Justice, Mr. P. Rosen, has ordered a stay of proceedings against Mr. Moshe Berman and Mr. I. Raphael, two Tel Aviv optometrists charged with practicing medicine without a licence.

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Five Haifa timber merchants were yesterday brought to Court on charges of submitting false statements to the Controller of Stocks, of overcharging and of unlicensed sales. They were all freed on IL.500 bail.

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Gregory Halal was arrested on Tuesday for allegedly holding up two Bedouin outside Beersheba and, at pistol-point, stealing two donkeys and IL.25 in cash from them.

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INTERIM ACRE COUNCIL

The Minister of the Interior has appointed a Municipal Council for Acre consisting of the same nine members who constituted the Council before the Municipal elections of June 26, voided last week by the Haifa District Court. The Council will presumably maintain their posts until new elections are held.

Mr. Baruch Noy has again been nominated as Mayor. Mr. A. Winter, of Nahariya, District Officer, was appointed Deputy Mayor, replacing Mr. M. Bendor.

SALONIKA JEWS PLANT FOREST

A forest in memory of Jewish victims of the Nazis will be planted by the Keren Kayemet with contributions from the Jews of Salonika, it has been announced. Contributions have already been collected for the planting of 6,000 trees.

Israel Buys 210 Kilometres Of Pipe Used By U.K. in Africa

The 210-kilometre pipeline [illegible] to Kongwa, Tanganyika, has been bought by the Israel Government for £250,000, payable in U.S. dollars, it was officially announced yesterday in Dar es Salaam.

Negotiations for the purchase were reported six weeks ago, when it was learned that the British Overseas Food Corporation was interested in the dismantling and sale of its pipe which is virtually new.

The pipes, most of which are the sorely needed six-inch variety used for irrigation, will permit the intensive cultivation of an additional 15,000 dunams of land, it was disclosed yesterday in Jerusalem by Mr. Ranan Weitz, Acting Director of the Settlement Department of the Jewish Agency.

The $700,000 necessary for the Tanganyika purchase was allotted by the Government under exceptional circumstances to the Agency from the $35m. supplementary loan of the Export-Import Bank. As a rule, though not always, such loans must be used for the purchase of U.S. products. In view of the shortage of pipes in the U.S., however, the exception was made. Israel, it is reported, will also have to pay the [illegible] to dismantle the pipeline [illegible].

The [illegible] by the [illegible] for the Overseas Food Corporation, within the framework of the ill-fated groundnut [illegible] of the British Government for growing groundnuts in Tanganyika. Following many parliamentary storms, in which the programme was the object of vitriolic criticism, it was abandoned.

Considerable Importance

"This purchase is of considerable importance to the agricultural development of the country, second only to the purchase, in 1948-1949, of 150 tractors in the U.S.," Mr. Weitz asserted.

This was a reference to Israel's acquisition of tractors at a time when, owing to great world-wide demand and the prevailing shortage, Israel's official allocation was infinitesimal—in relation to the work that had to be done.

The tractor purchase, at a cost of $750,000 (15 per cent higher than the factory price), was executed with the assistance of individual American farmers who utilized their own tractor allocations to assist Israel. It is this purchase that, in the past few days, has received abundant press discussion in connection with the report of the Jewish Agency Comptroller, Dr. E. Schmorak.

Congress Debate

(Continued from Page One)

ciated by Mr. Yaakov Hazan was remarkably similar to that of the Silver faction of the General Zionists. He demanded recognition for the Zionist Organization as a "full partner with equal rights" and insisted that "the Organization should be completely independent of the Government of Israel."

Tribute to Silver

Mr. Hazan paid warm tribute to the courage of Rabbi Silver in "defending the right of Israel to be independent of the United States and not to sell its birthright for a mess of pottage."

The case for a strong, dynamic Zionist Organization was also put forcefully by Rabbi Max Kirshbloom of New York. He took a somewhat original line, expressing doubt about the need for a charter. The trouble with a charter, he said, was that it could be withdrawn as easily as it is given. The strength of the movement lay in the enthusiasm amongst its ranks he said.

A legal status was advocated, however, by Rabbi Goldstein who said it was needed for stature, prestige and strength abroad and to create mutual good-will and appreciation in Israel. Mrs. Epstein also favoured a legal status, pointing out that it was not a matter of impingement of sovereignty as the Jewish Agency was already doing work which was normally done by a State, and the Government welcomed it. The status was also needed to avoid duplication and for standing, she declared.

There was also much talk yesterday about American Jewry. Mr. Itzhak Gruenbaum, a member of the Agency Executive who is now unaffiliated since he resigned from the General Zionists, devoted a long speech exclusively to the subject. He blamed the American Zionist leaders for developing a movement with emphasis upon fund raising and said the only true Zionists were those who sent their children to Israel.

Mr. Gruenbaum, who is outspokenly anti-religious, astonished the Congress by suggesting to Rabbi Silver that he settle in Israel and establish a Reform Movement in this country. Mr. Gruenbaum was referring to a statement by Rabbi Silver at a press conference. He had been asked whether he contemplated settling in Israel and asked in turn, "Do you need another rabbi?"

Professor Hayim Fineman (Mapai) of Philadelphia said that the inadequacy of American-Jewish aid and the fact that so few came to settle here was due mainly to insufficient Zionist education work. Dr. Yeshayahu Wolfsberg of Jerusalem (Hapoel Hamizrahi) called for greater emphasis upon education work.

On this point too Mrs. Epstein of Hadassah took a different line. She said American Jews felt at home in the United States and were fairly comfortable, but they felt part of the Jewish people.

Dr. Goldstein, on the other hand, said that self-fulfilment was the highest goal. Those who could not themselves move to Israel, could help and encourage young people, he said.

The final composition of the Congress was also determined yesterday. There were some revisions as the Czechoslovakian delegation was not approved and the number of seats allotted to Israel was reduced from 219 to 185 owing to some irregularities in the sale of shkalim. The party line-up is: Mapai, 156; General Zionists, Progressives and Hadassah, 115; Mizrahi and Hapoel Hamizrahi, 66; Mapam, 58; Herut, 33; Zionist-Revisionists, 3, and unaffiliated, 14.

Mrs. Epstein presided at the afternoon session and Mr. Yosef Sprinzak in the evening.

Israel's Population 1,516,000 in June

TEL AVIV, Wednesday.—The population of Israel was 1,516,000 at the end of June, the Central Bureau of Statistics announced today.

There were 1,346,000 Jews and 170,000 non-Jews, representing an increase of 142,900 and 3,600 respectively during the preceding six months.

The infant mortality rate dropped from 52.8 per 1,000 in the first half of 1950 to 38.9 in the corresponding period this year.

New Histadrut Pay Plan Imminent

TEL AVIV, Wednesday.—The Histadrut's programme for wage increases for 1950-1951 will be completed when conditions in bakeries, margarine plants, knitwear workshops, the Tel Aviv Port and among Government employees are bettered according to the new requests of the Trade Unions Department, Mr. Aharon Becker, head of the Department, told *The Jerusalem Post* in an interview.

In all other branches of industry and building, workers received salary increases of from 10 to 15 per cent following action taken by the Histadrut. These increases do not include any due to the fluctuation of the cost of living index, Mr. Becker pointed out.

The Government investigation committee on salaries is expected to submit its conclusions by the end of this month. A general raise of salaries is expected, affecting the wages of all white-collar workers and members of the liberal professions, who had already benefited from an increase last year. Salaries of Government employees were fixed in 1948.

Few Strikes

There were few Histadrut-sponsored strikes in the past year, except that in the metal industry. In all legitimate strikes the Histadrut obtained considerable gains for the workers, in line with its general programme. There were a series of unauthorized strikes, which did not aim at wage betterment but were rather prompted by political reasons, mainly because of the then impending Knesset elections, Mr. Becker said.

There was no need for the railway workers strike in Haifa, because their earnings were already being considered in the general set-up of Government employees' salaries. The strike of Shoham seamen was prompted by a desire for more foreign currency, not because their pay was insufficient. There was no need for the warning strikes of metal industries and the bakeries, he said, as the matter was in any case dealt with through the proper channels. The workers received no strike pay in any one of these unauthorized stoppages.

An inquiry into the cost of living index, recently carried out by the Central Bureau of Statistics, revealed that workers' salaries increased (from eight to 12 fold since 1939, while the cost of living index increased about seven times. It is expected that the new index will be approved by the Cabinet shortly, and the next renewal of the agreement between the Histadrut and Manufacturers Association, due in September, will be based on the new food basket.

Civil Servants Propose Higher Pay Scale

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — The Civil Servants Union has requested that the basic starting salary in Government service should be raised to IL.20; it is now IL.12 for those under 20 years of age, and IL.14 for those over. Grading should be made by stages of IL.7 instead of IL.6 as at present.

For the higher grades it was suggested that the difference between grades 10, 11 and 12 be IL.10, and IL.12 between grades 12 and 13. The request was submitted in Jerusalem last night to the Government-appointed committee investigating civil service salaries. Other requests by the Union include the raising of family allowances from IL.3 to IL.4 per dependant.

$50m. Aid Urged For Israel

WASHINGTON, Wednesday (UP).—The House of Foreign Affairs Committee, recommending a $50m. grant for Israel, declared yesterday that the U.S. must find "a basis for understanding and sound future relationships with the countries of the Near East."

In its formal report on the overall $7,848,750,000 foreign aid bill, the Committee said it is "in the interest of the U.S. to take all reasonable measures to assure the stability and peaceful development of the region."

The Committee recommended the appropriation of $50m. for military and economic aid to the Near East and Africa.

Citing the internal instability of the Arab countries and the "wide cleft between the few rich and the legions of poor," the Committee also stated that Israel cannot bear her economic burden unaided.

In discussing Israel's problem of absorbing the vast number of immigrants the Committee said it has been informed that 273,325 or almost half the newcomers to Israel were from the Middle East and North Africa.

Under the Committee version, President Truman is to prescribe the terms and conditions governing the furnishing of aid for resettlement projects at a cost not to exceed $50m. This amount is judged to be of material assistance in meeting the "serious refugee problem confronted by the new State."

It also recommended $50m. for relief and permanent settlement of the Arab refugees "who constitute the principal obstacle to peace between Israel and the Arab states."

Nationalists Take Over Ship

HONG KONG, Wednesday (Reuter). — The Chinese crew of the 1,667-ton Panamanian freighter Capella seized control of the ship six hours out of Hong Kong on Sunday and handed her over to a Chinese Nationalist warship, a Chinese Nationalist News Agency message said today. It did not say what happened to the Capella's master, Captain Hood of New Zealand — apparently the only non-Chinese aboard. The Capella was escorted to Kaoshiung in Southern Formosa, arriving there yesterday.

According to the agency the Capella was bound for Hankiang on the Chinese Communist mainland though it "falsely" cleared Hong Kong as bound for Kobe, Japan.

The Agency said three of the crew "led an uprising with the object of handing over the ship to Free China" when a Chinese Nationalist warship was sighted six hours out of Hong Kong, and were joined by the remaining 49 members of the crew. The message commended the crew's "righteous actions."

BUS PLUNGES INTO LAKE

BOLZANO, Wednesday (Reuter).—Nine Italian victims, including four children, were identified yesterday after a bus plunged into a 13-metre-deep lake with at least 35 people aboard near here. Reports that foreigners were also in the bus remained unconfirmed.

Divers will continue working all night in an attempt to raise the bus.

There was only one survivor, 27-year-old Ida Frostscher, whose Italian shoemaker husband drowned in the bus. Ida threw herself from a window as the heavy vehicle hurtled and fell 35 metres to the water.

W.R. Hearst's Will Filed

LOS ANGELES, Wednesday (Reuter).—Mr. William Randolph Hearst, newspaper and magazine publisher who died yesterday, left $1,500,000 in cash and the income from a [illegible] trust fund to his widow, Mrs. Millicent Hearst. His will was filed for probate late yesterday in Los Angeles County Superior Court.

The will provided that enough preferred stock to realize an annual income of $150,000 dollars be added to 100 shares of common stock in the Hearst Corporation for the benefit of Hearst's five sons.

All the residue of the estate was to go into another trust fund for the benefit of literary, religious, educational, charitable and public institutions.

The will also said: "I hereby declare that the only children I have ever had are my sons in this will named. If any person or persons other than my sons shall assert and finally establish in a court of competent jurisdiction that he or she is a child of mine or issue of a child of mine, other than by my said sons in this will above, then I give and bequeath to each such person the sum of one dollar. I hereby declare that any such asserted claim of kinship to me is and would be utterly false and wholly fraudulent."

In New York today, all flags were flown at half mast in tribute to Mr. Hearst by order of Mayor Impellitteri.

CZECH COUPLE FLEE IN CANOE

WELSEN, LOWER SAXONY Wednesday (Reuter). — A Czech student and his fiancee have arrived at a West German refugee camp near here after travelling about 600 kms. down the River Elbe from Czechoslovakia in a collapsible canoe.

The refugees, 26-year-old George Neureuter and 22-year-old Eva Orbenova, pretended they were on a holiday trip during their voyage through Czechoslovakia and the Soviet zone of Germany.

West German border police stopped them where the Elbe flows into West Germany near here and sent them to the refugee camp. They want to go to Canada.

TERRORISTS. — Terrorists killed and wounded 12 constables in an attack on a police post in Malaya, it was announced in Singapore yesterday.

Cables in Brief

[illegible] — [illegible] the two countries [illegible] including the U.S., Argentina and Brazil.

[illegible]. — Admiral Sir George E. Creasy, Vice-Chief of Naval Staff and formerly Fifth Sea Lord, has been appointed Commander-in-Chief of the British Home Fleet.

WEDDING. — Mr. John D. Rockefeller Jr., 77-year-old multi-millionaire, yesterday married Mrs. Martha Baird Allen in Providence, Rhode Island.

BRITISH DOCTORS REPORT ON RUSSIA

LONDON, Wednesday (Reuter).—Russian preventive medicine is considerably in advance of that in the West, four British scientists reported here today after returning from a three-week tour of the Soviet Union.

"Patients are not waiting for doctors, but doctors are waiting for patients," Dr. Horace Joules, the leader of the delegation, explained. "Their health centres are also considerably ahead of ours, but their hospital facilities, though greater than ours, in certain technical aspects are not as well developed."

The doctors told reporters that they had had an encounter with what appeared to be "slave labour" some 33 kms. outside Moscow, where they saw men digging trenches for water pipes under heavy guard. "When we asked about them, we gathered they were slave labourers, but we were also told that they were criminals," Dr. Joules added.

He said the men were definitely under close supervision but the relationship between them and the men guarding them seemed perfectly happy.

Model Plant Uses New System To Make Ice in Haifa

HAIFA, Wednesday. — Water poured into refrigeration tanks froze into white and solid ice blocks at a temperature of about —20 degrees Centigrade in less than two hours yesterday at the "Rapid Ice" plant of Mr. Eugen Wilbushewich, engineer and owner of the Haifa General Ice Factory and Cold Storage Co. Orthodox refrigeration plants need about 18 hours to produce the familiar household ice-blocks—if there is no cut in the electricity supply.

"Rapid Ice" differs from the normal variety in that it is frozen at a lower temperature, forms smaller crystals, and, storing more cold in its structure, melts appreciably slower. In other words, more calories are needed to melt "Rapid" than ordinary ice.

The industrial production has been made possible by a new technique which Mr. Wilbushewich developed two years ago and which he has since improved. It has aroused interest among ice manufacturers throughout the world, and plants using his patent are now operating in several countries. He has now completed a small model plant adjoining his regular ice factory, and its product has found eager customers.

The familiar ice-making method, which has remained almost unchanged for the last 70 years, uses the evaporation of condensed ammonia to abstract heat from a body of water, but prevents it from freezing by the addition of salt. Into this sub-zero brine, a battery of metal moulds is immersed in which water of about 25 degrees Centigrade freezes solid in approximately 18 hours.

Direct Cooling

The new technique eliminates the use of the cooling medium. The principle of ammonia evaporation is retained, but heat is withdrawn directly from the water in the freezing moulds, causing it to turn to ice very rapidly along the walls of the moulds and gradually freezing it in an inward direction. Besides, a thin pipe, branching off from the ammonia evaporation network, is introduced into each mould from above down the centre. The water is thus frozen simultaneously from without and within. When frozen solid, the ice blocks drop out automatically, loosened from their moulds by warm gas. When they come into contact with the air, the longitudinal holes down the axis fill up with water and soon freeze, leaving the white ice block completely solid.

This technique reduces the investment and operating costs for ice-making plants considerably, as it dispenses with the large brine basin, the lifting gear, reduces factory space requirements and steps up output in relation to equipment capacity. But it should not be expected that existing plants could soon be converted to the new technique in view of the shortage of sheet iron and pipes, Mr. Wilbushewich says. He himself has had great difficulty in finding the materials for the construction of his pilot plant.

Unrestricted Picking Of 'Sabras' Harmful

The harvesting and marketing of "sabras" (fruit of the cactus), is being organised by the Custodian of Abandoned Property either directly or through private fruit merchants and fruit-preserving manufacturers, it was announced last night. The statement was made following reports of the confiscation of the fruit from "unauthorised pickers."

Last year, the uncontrolled harvesting of "sabras" resulted in considerable damage to the agricultural sector, the statement continued.

The gathering was unsystematic and incomplete with the result that severe losses were caused in groves and plantations due to an outbreak of the Mediterranean fruit fly, which breed on the unharvested fruit, it was stated. In addition, most of the "sabra" crop did not reach the market, the announcement added.

Secondly, in those instances where gathering was actually carried out, considerable damage was inflicted by careless pickers on the groves and plantations through which the cactus usually run, it was stated.

In order to prevent similar damage this year, and at the same time to ensure an ample supply of "sabras" at a uniform and reasonable price, permission to gather the fruit was granted to selected firms who applied in response to advertisements inserted in the press last March, the announcement continued. The present full supply at uniform prices is the direct result of this policy, the announcement concluded.

BEERSHEBA STILL LACKS AMBULANCE; FATHER OF FIVE DIES ON ARRIVAL

BEERSHEBA, Wednesday (ITIM).—Because of the lack of an ambulance here the police were called in today to help take to hospital a new immigrant from Iraq who had fainted in the ma'bara near here. He was dead on arrival at the Hadassah Hospital.

When Hadassah was called upon to take the man, Eliahu Mishal, 40, from his tent, the Hospital replied that they were unable to comply with the request as they had neither an ambulance nor any other vehicle.

Mishal is survived by a wife and five children. Beersheba has been without an ambulance since the only one in the town broke down several weeks ago.

Beersheba Without Ice

BEERSHEBA, Wednesday. — Beersheba will be without ice today as the Tel Aviv District Food Controller has refused to grant permission to continue the import of ice from Rehovot, which was started five days ago when the local ice plant broke down.

NAIL RATION

A ration of 250 grams of nails per person is now available at most building material stores, it has been announced. Shopkeepers will be required to record the names and addresses of all purchasers, and to obtain their signatures.

The distribution is being organised by the General Merchants' Association.

Ration News

JERUSALEM. — Frozen Meat: [illegible] [illegible] to physical labourers, [illegible] instead of meat in all [illegible]. Continued distribution in zones 2, 3, 4 of 200 grams to Aleph, Bet and Gimel, Kaf 21, Tsadi 21, Peh 21. Dry [illegible]: 200 grams, from 25, zones 5, 6, 10. Tomatoes: 200 grams, Yud 1, zones 3, 5, 11.

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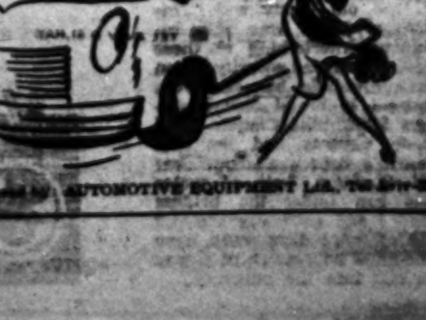
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FUTURE OF EL AL

THE recent press accounts of El Al's difficulties in keeping to its schedules places the responsibility on the shortage of spare parts. But a shortage of spare parts is not merely a nuisance to passengers. When worn parts cannot be replaced machines cannot be kept in a proper state of airworthiness; and when one machine breaks down the others have to work even longer hours, with even less time for routine maintenance.

All this would imply that the recent extension of El Al's services on new long-distance routes was perhaps over-ambitious and over-optimistic, considering the number of machines and spare parts at the disposal of the company. One solution would be to curtail the services. But this is not so easy to do, when the pressure of the demand for seats is taken into account. The demand for El Al seats is high, despite the limitation of exit permits and the competition of other airlines. The reason is to be found in the monopoly position enjoyed by El Al as the Israel air service. It is not an absolute monopoly, but El Al still is the Israel airline as far as certain classes of travellers are concerned, notably Israel Civil Servants and Zionists abroad who favour this service as the flying emblem of Jewish sovereignty. It was to accommodate these travellers that El Al was obliged to expand its services beyond its present resources.

Were El Al willing temporarily to forgo its monopoly position other objections would obtrude. El Al is a big dollar earner. This is one weighty consideration, and another is that a national civil air service has also valuable defence uses. In time of war, passenger planes can be rapidly converted into military transport planes. Trained air and ground crews are a valuable source of Air Force technicians. This is the position in many other countries too, where civil airlines are subsidized in peace time because of their potential value in war time.

Luckily El Al does not require heavy subsidies. But it does require spare parts. Is it not time that El Al was given a higher priority by the Foreign Exchange control? The company has built up a team of first class pilots. It has an impressive ground organization. It would be a profound pity if enthusiastic Jews from abroad who wanted to travel by the Israel airline were to be prevented from doing so owing to lack of planes; or were to be deterred from becoming regular clients owing to El Al's failure to keep to its schedules.

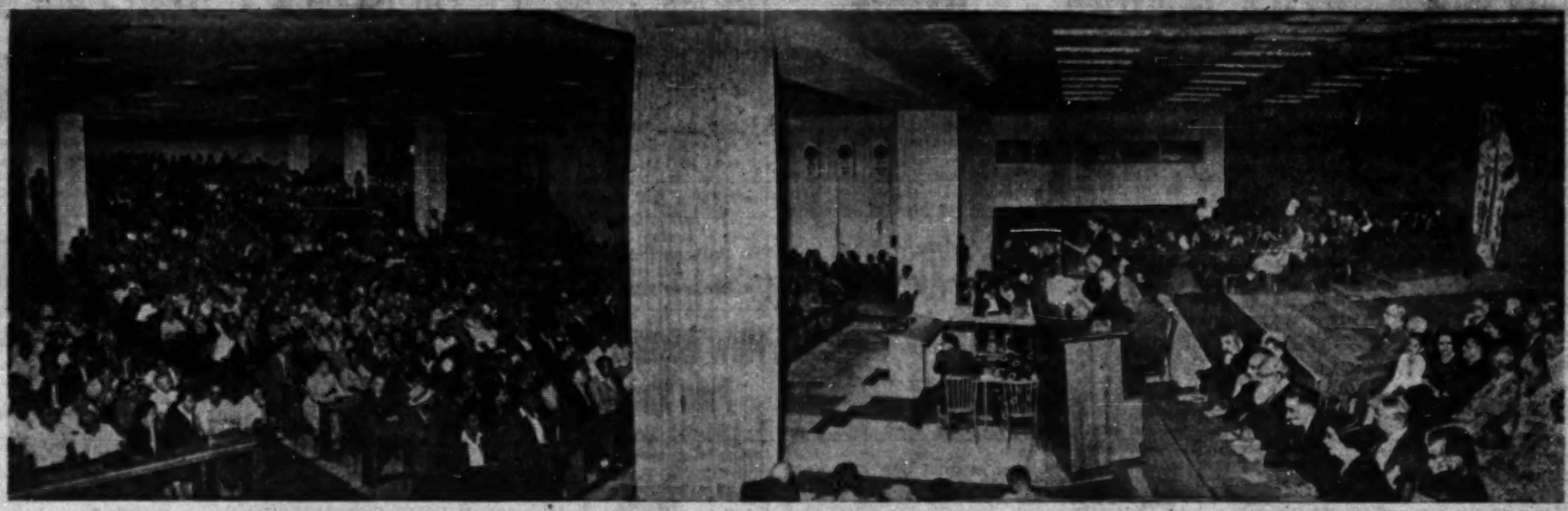
Goodwill is a sensitive plant: a great effort must be made to keep it alive, especially in its early years. If foreign exchange is not immediately available, then El Al must be allowed to borrow abroad in order to stockpile spare parts while they are still available.

UNBURSTABLE?

MOST of us, looking honestly down the vistas of memory, can see an innocent period when our interest in soap was confined entirely to its use for blowing bubbles. Inevitably that old pastime has been improved by enterprising manufacturers who have recently put out various recommended substitutes for soap; and in consequence, like most improved pastimes, it has gone steadily out of favour.

One of H.G. Wells's characters used to say about money that he would lie abed every morning wondering why the milkman, who was paid in ready cash, never exclaimed "What, that much for milk!" — words which were to be a signal to him to spring up, carving knife in hand, and obtain the necessities of life in the old trusty way. This idea of Wells was only remotely entertaining in those days of ironclad security, when infant bubble blowers were treated to brand new raptures by Charlie Chaplin; and their parents had not yet heard a brazen clamour over all Flanders. Lots of water has run under the bridges since; and neither young nor old of those days could have imagined how much of it was to run into the currency.

Opening Session of the 23rd Zionist Congress in Jerusalem



View of tribune and assembly hall at the opening of the 23rd Zionist Congress. At the Speaker's table (Dr. Nahum Goldmann speaking) are seen, left to right: Mr. David Ben Gurion, Mr. I. Gruenbaum and Dr. Mayer Ebner, one of the three survivors of the First Congress. At the Executive table (behind the Speaker) are, left to right: Rabbi Wolf Gold, Dr. Israel Goldstein, Mr. E. Dobkin, Mr. Y. Zerubavel, Dr. Dov Joseph, Mr. P. Lavon and Mrs. Golda Myerson. Immediately below the Speaker's table are the stenographers and behind them is the front row of the Press Section. In the delegates section of the hall, to the extreme left, is the Mapam delegation and to their right are the Mapai or Zionist Labour delegation.

Photo by Braun

Veterans Campaign Against Dr. Malan

By JOHN WORRALL

CAPE TOWN. —

A STORM of indignation has swept through the War Veterans' Movement over what they call the "allegation by implication" of Dr. Malan, the South African Prime Minister, that the movement is Communist-inspired.

Immediately after Dr. Malan's speech, the War Veterans' inner council published a list of its leaders, together with a denial of the allegations. Strong exception is also taken to the Prime Minister's threat that the Government would take action if necessary against the movement. It is not known what type of "action" is contemplated nor on what grounds.

Simultaneously with Dr. Malan's warning came the announcement of an all-out Veterans' recruiting campaign throughout the country. A master plan for this campaign has been in readiness for some time. Since the movement's national executive was elected, "feeler" campaigns have been conducted on a restricted scale in selected areas. More than one hundred field headquarters have been set up, each a self-contained unit with its own reconnaissance propaganda and intelligence personnel.

Propaganda Raids

Mobility is to be one of the key features of the campaign. Recruiting and propaganda thrusts will be made into the Platteland (country districts) and the Orange Free State which is Nationalist-controlled, is to be the main target of the campaign. Private aircraft are to be used and many former war-time pilots who own their own planes are being enlisted for leaflet raids and other propaganda purposes.

The climax of the campaign is to be El Alamein day (October 23, anniversary of the battle of El Alamein in Libya). By that date the War Veterans hope to reach their first objective — "a membership of such magnitude that we can swing into action in strength anywhere in the Union." A target has been set which has not been disclosed but it is believed to be in the region of 200,000 members. Because of the scattered nature of the movement throughout the Union an "inner circle" has been created in Johannesburg, empowered to take quick action if necessary without having to call together the National Executive.

Serious Attitude

Meanwhile, the Nationalist attitude to the War Veterans has changed from one of light mockery to a new and deadly seriousness.

Dr. Malan's weekend warning illustrated this new Nationalist attitude. "The Government would not hesitate to do its duty," he said.

It has yet to be seen what effect the War Veterans' campaign will have on the United Party opposition. Individual United Party leaders have welcomed the movement but there has not been any official party pronouncement.

The Government, of course, is trying to drive a wedge between the Veterans and the United Party. Dr. Donges, the Minister of the Interior, said recently that he welcomed both the War Veterans Movement and the "Oppenheimer" trust fund (formed recently to fight the Nationalists with millions of money from industry) which were "both motions of no confidence in the United Party." He said they would eventually lead members to realize that the United Party was breaking up.

Meanwhile the War Veterans' Movement has grown beyond the expectations of even the most ardent organizers and is still growing daily. Political observers who were curious to see how far the initial enthusiasm would carry the Movement beyond its Cape Town torch demonstrations are now almost unanimously agreed that it may prove to be the most important political development in South Africa for many years.

KEEPING POSTED

DESPITE the fears of the pessimists, the Congress opened at the Convention Centre. Even if it was not possible to spare the cement and timber to finish it, then the shell of the building served well enough, not only as an auditorium, but as a reminder that a great many things, down to plaster on the walls can be dispensed with on occasion, and the business of living still go on. We must admit, however, that there was not an Israeli woman in the great audience but was doing mental arithmetic in connection with the 15 kilometres of linen material that was reputed to have been used for the temporary dressing up of the hall, mentally draping her family and furniture in 50 yards or so of it, and thinking that it would look much better there.

Many of the thousands who could not get tickets to the opening session turned on their radios at home to hear what was going on. One group of a dozen or so people were amazed to hear the solemn opening marred by the persistent barking of a little dog. How could anybody have taken a dog to this session? Were there no ushers to hurry the little wretch out again? Mr. Locker spoke on, apparently quite unmoved by the interruption. Presently the phone rang, and the radio was turned off for a few minutes. A few houses away, the little dog could still be heard barking.

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WE have had proof-reader trouble again, and our well-informed readers have not failed to observe it. Twice within a few days this paper has referred to the "crucial" sheikhdoms in the Persian Gulf. Even though these islands are deep in the oil areas and therefore probably crucial enough, they are known as the "trucial" sheikhdoms owing to the truce which they concluded with Britain in 1835. One of the correspondents who pointed out the error to us writes that he was stationed at Bahrein — one of the islands concerned — when he was in the R.A.F., and that they did not think much of the place at the time. The islands are barren but for a few palm trees, and though the sea is brilliantly blue it is also full of sharks. Pearls, the only product of any value have almost been driven off the world market by Japanese



cultured pearls, to say nothing of the altogether artificial pearls worn by all the people we know, and the inhabitants are desperately poor.

The only point of interest, he adds, is the fact that the cows are fed entirely on fish for lack of vegetation, and that this gives the milk a unique fishy flavour.

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WE have a traffic note from a correspondent that seems worth recording. He was speeding down a hill on his



bicycle one evening when a policeman called to him peremptorily that he had no light and was to stop immediately and be fined. The boy cried back that he had no brakes either, and couldn't stop. The policeman bowed to the forces of gravity, and the boy reached home unfined.

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AN Israeli friend now in the United States but back on a visit tells us that he found himself a good deal attacked on the subject of American race relations when he spent a few days in his old kibbutz. Not precisely a racialist himself, he still has an idea that these things should be viewed with a certain perspective. "Why should you people all get so excited," he argued, "because whites and blacks can't live together in Cicero? Ever since I've been back here I've heard of nothing but that a whole set of white Jews who have been living here for the past 15 years suddenly declare that they can't live together for another minute. And aren't all the kids brought up in one nursery now being sorted out according to their parents' ideology and put in two different kindergartens?" All that we can offer in support of the superiority of the Israel brand of democracy is that here at least both sides to the dispute refuse to share their kibbutz with their opponents, and quite appreciate each other's point of view in the matter.

Today's contributors include U.S., Rehovot, and J.L. Brunner, Tel Aviv.

Readers' Letters

HERZL'S MONUMENT

To the Editor of The POST

Sir, — I want to join those who are horrified by the Jury's choice for the Herzl Monument. In my opinion it is ostentatious and in bad taste particularly when you consider the grandeur of the surroundings. If we must have a monument, let it be dignified and simple and in this way we will pay greater homage to the Father of Zionism.

Yours etc,
E. K.

Tel Aviv, August 12

A SPOT OF BEAUTY. — Most people who visit Herzl's grave are impressed with the overpowering beauty of the spot. Must this magnificent place be defaced with a monument?

Paula Cromwell

Givat Rambam.

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SEA EXCURSIONS
For the CLOSING
of the SEASON

As all first and second class tickets for the 5-day holiday excursion aboard the s.s. "Negbah" (on August 21) have been sold out and the demand for tickets continues — we have decided to organize —

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to Cyprus waters.

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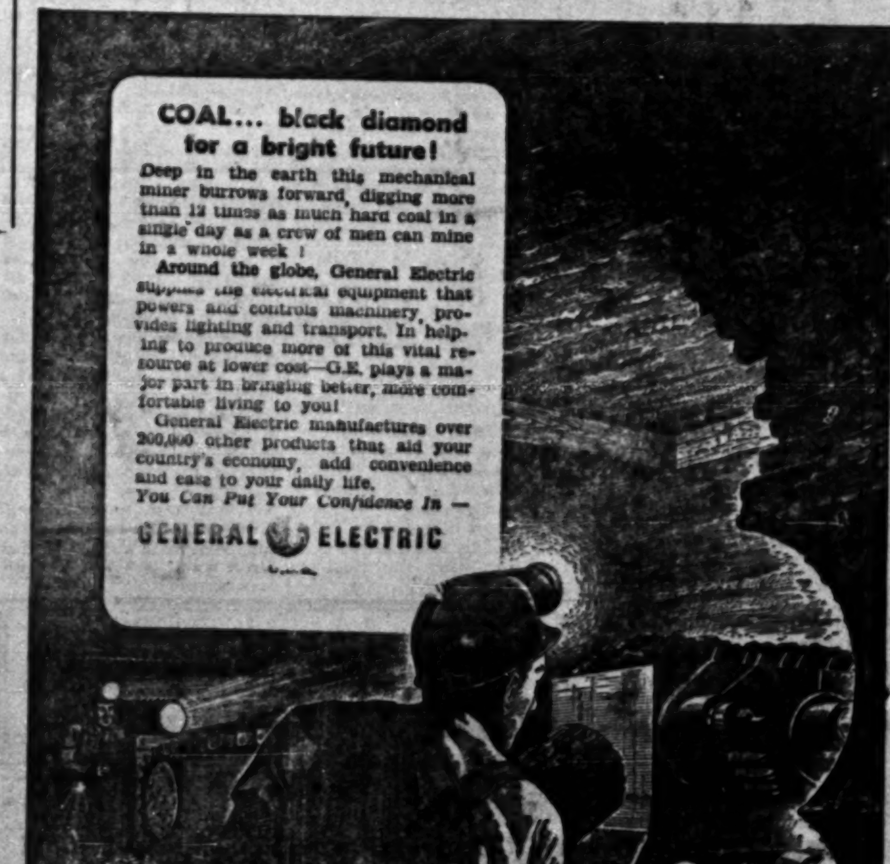
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